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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT
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The Examiner has asked for clarification of Claims 5 and 9 as amended October 31, 2006. Both claims have status identifiers listing them as “currently amended” yet the amendment is unclear.

Applicants apologize for the lack of clarity.

In Claim 5, the word “fragments” was changed to “fragment” as required for proper antecedent basis. The strikethrough of the letter “s” was difficult to see. The attached listing of claims makes the same change but strikes additional letters so that the strikethrough is more easily perceived.

In Claim 9, the only change was the addition of a period at the end of the claim. The attached listing of claims makes the same change but in a way that is more easily perceived.

Page 3 of the Amendment filed October 31, 2006, describes these changes under the heading "Claim Objections".

Applicants note that the claims as previously submitted contained several errors of a typographical nature and have taken this opportunity to make appropriate amendments. Punctuation is corrected:

- (a) in Claim 1, by adding a colon after "conditions" and by removing the comma after "SEQ ID NO: 4";
- (b) in Claim 2, by removing the comma after "SEQ ID NO:3"; and
- (c) In Claim 8, by adding a period at the end of the sentence.

Finally, for clarity, other minor changes are made:

- (a) in Claim 2, by adding the word "in" after "forth";
- (b) in Claim 5, by adding the word "a" before "suitable" and changing "sequences" to "sequence".

Applicants thank the Examiner for the opportunity to make these changes and ask that they be accepted as a good faith attempt to advance prosecution.

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